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KAUR 89.1 FM



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Senior KAUR DJ Reza Hussain goes on air for his set in the studio in the Morrison Commons. See page 5 for a story about the student-led station.

Xu brings history with HIV research

By Miriam Berg Hovda
Mirror Staff Writer

Today many scientists are working toward finding a cure to prevent HIV and AIDS. There is no cure for this disease. Professor Zhihong Xu is one of these scientists, and she is now an Augustana professor.

HIV and AIDS are two of the biggest problems facing the world today. Millions of people have already been killed by the disease, and millions are currently infected.

The organic chemistry professor Zhihong Xu has worked extensively with HIV research in the past. Now she is a visiting assistant professor at Augustana.

Xu graduated from Duke University in Durham, N.C., in May 2008. She began working at Augustana on Aug. 27.

"I love the friendly environment," Xu said. She said Augustana students and faculty are excellent.

"It is an outstanding educational institute for undergraduate students," she said.

Xu's main focus is to be a better teacher and help students. "I have no time for HIV research at the moment; now I am only focusing on teaching. However I have plans to do some more research in the future," she said.

At Duke University, she majored in organic chemistry and biochemistry. She also participated in a project to fight HIV. "We had some encouraging results, which relates to HIV reverse transcriptase. I cannot talk too much about this project, because they have not yet gone public," she said. She has done nucleotide analog synthesis and

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Student groups utilize 2008-09 budget allocations

By Luke Tatge
Mirror Editor in Chief

Following Augustana Student Association (ASA) budget allocations from student activities fees last spring, student organizations on campus have been utilizing their budgets from the Senate, as well as applying for financial assistance from the Community Development Fund (CDF) to pay for activities and events.

Representatives from groups were asked by ASA to appear for a hearing to request an amount from the student activities fee budget, and groups were assigned allocations (see sidebar for some of the 2008-09 allocations) based on their self-

sufficiency and their use of fundraisers and membership dues, according to ASA treasurer junior Jenny Andersen.

The CDF is available to student groups to request funding for specific activities throughout the year, with special consideration given to collaborative group activities.

Augie Dems received \$200 for the 2008-09 school year, and organization president senior Mandy Sieck said the group has ordered a Barack Obama "support pack," which contains buttons and stickers for supporters of the presidential candidate, which took up a large part of its

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Budget Allocations*

Augieholics - \$4,600
Aug. Women's Assoc. - \$1,000
Colleges Against Cancer - \$300
Alpha Psi Omega - \$200
Augustana Democrats - \$200
College Republicans - \$200
Government Club - \$150
Aug. Stu. Org. for Hist. Stud. - \$100
UTIC - \$100
ANSA - \$50
Writers' Guild - \$50

*This is just a portion of the 2008-09 allocations.

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Campus area patrolled to excise vandalism

By Luke Tatge
Mirror Editor in Chief

Following a string of incidents involving theft and vandalism, Augustana Campus Safety officers are keeping an eye on the potential for criminal activity in the area surrounding the campus.

According to Rick Tupper, director of campus life, a recent report from the Sioux Falls Police Department gang task force said there are at least sev-

en individuals in the six-block radius around Augustana that may be suspected of gang-related activity.

Tupper said that the problem does not lie in organized gangs but in disorganized "wannabes," that he said can also be very dangerous.

"Sioux Falls doesn't really have a gang problem," he said.

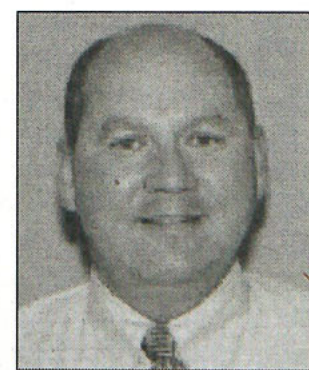
Tupper attributes the increase in theft and vandalism in

the immediate area to a higher rental population in the vicinity.

"As properties grow older and less maintained, they draw people that aren't interested in maintaining them," Tupper said.

Campus Safety officers are trying to be a proactive part of making sure the Augustana community does not

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Rick Tupper

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Augie Green advocates voting with environment in mind

By Leah Hilsabeck
Mirror Staff Writer

Though Augie Green does not support one specific candidate as a whole in the upcoming election, members agree that many vital environmental issues will be addressed this November.

"Augie Green encourages people to vote 'green,'" Augie Green president senior Jamie Horter said. "Important issues are at stake, some of those being renewable energy, more green jobs, alternative energy sources and reducing emissions."



Jamie Horter

Freshman Maggie Olson agreed. "Global warming and alternative energy

are probably the two biggest issues," Olson said. "People are so concerned with social problems, but it seems almost superfluous to deal with those first if the entire environment is out of whack."

Though it can be easy for students to ignore the future



Photo submitted by Jamie Horter

Sophomore Maren Peterson urges students to "vote green" in state and national elections this November.

impacts of a changing environment, Horter stressed the importance of exploring each candidate's positions when facing "green" issues.

"As large companies continue to destroy our environment, we need to vote for better legislation that will cease harmful industrial practices

like clear cutting and off-shore drilling, create opportunities for renewable energy and reduce our carbon footprint as well as our dependence on foreign oil," Horter said. "It is important to pick a leader who supports these topics and will work to make a healthier world for all."

"I feel [Sen.] Obama [D-Ill.] has the most thorough plan in addressing the issues," Olson said.

Obama's platform includes plans to reduce carbon emissions by 80 percent below 1990 emission levels by 2050,

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Online radio allows for easy enjoyment

It seems to me that most students are short on cash but in constant search of new music, or at least something to listen to when they can't stand the sound of their roommates' voices any longer.



By Megan Hasche
Mirror Copy Editor

Tim Westgren has solved all of those problems in one fell swoop with the creation of Pandora.com, an online radio station service that creates customized, commercial-free radio stations.

Simply type in the name of your favorite musician, band or song. Pandora will create a specially tailored radio station consisting solely of songs that are similar to the song or musical group you've requested. From a database of more than 500,000 songs, Pandora individually crafted stations include both popular and obscure songs and artists.

If you're in a classical, more peaceful and refined mood, type in Ludwig van Beethoven, and you'll soon be taking in the likes of not only Beethoven, but Mozart, Mendelssohn and a slew of others. If jazz is more your style, enter jazz standard Louis Armstrong and be swooned by Fats Waller and Duke Ellington.

Pop in any artist or song and you're

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Students hear reggae, rap on KAUR

By Sonia Halbach
Mirror Staff Writer

Reggae and Spanish might seem like the last sounds you would expect to hear on Augustana's campus, but they are just some of the variety found on KAUR 89.1 FM.

KAUR is Augustana's campus radio station that is run and managed by students.

"KAUR really serves two main purposes," senior Tom Prochazka, general manager of KAUR, said. "It helps students get their feet in the radio industry in a fun and no-stress environment. If they mess up, they don't need to worry about getting fired."

"It also provides Augustana and Sioux Falls with an alternative listening source," he said. "We play songs that normally wouldn't be heard."

Since Augustana has no rating system, it is diffi-

cult to determine the demographics of the station. Campus activities help promote the radio station.

Events such as Ole Stock and the Activities Fair help get the word of KAUR out to the student body.

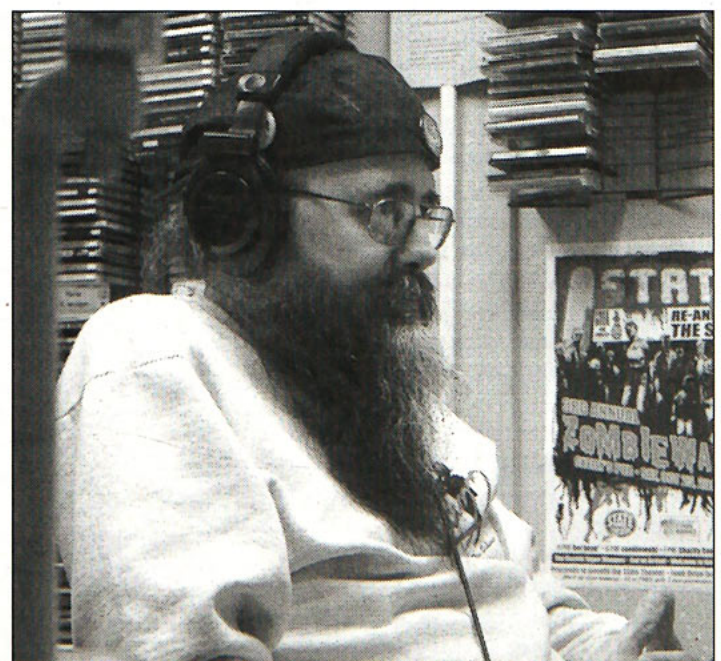
Sometime in late November or early December, KAUR will host Amateur Night in the Back Alley, where students can perform their own music.

There are always drawbacks to student-run organizations. "When it's student-run, people graduate," Prochazka said. "Switching roles can be hard."

Prochazka knows from experience the difficulties in role transitions. He's been part of the KAUR program since his freshman year, but this is the first year he has stepped into the general manager position.

A new addition to the station is the *Hear and*

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Scott Hale/The Mirror

Django, a DJ for KAUR, Augustana's radio station, prepares to choose his next song.

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raise fuel-economy standards by four percent each year, require that 10 percent of U.S. electricity be from renewable sources by 2012 and 25 percent by 2025. He also aims to produce 60 billion gallons of advanced bio-fuels each year in the United States by 2030.

Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) also supports multiple environmental efforts.

"McCain wants to do lots of nuclear stuff, which could be really great if done properly, but if it is done poorly it could be disastrous for the planet," freshman Emily Sprecher said.

McCain's platform supports a decrease in carbon emissions to 60 percent below 1990 levels by 2050 and lifting the federal ban on offshore drilling. McCain also supports stricter fuel-economy standards, increased use of renewable energy and increased production of bio-fuels, but he has no specific plans or targets in these areas.

However, McCain does plan to build 45 new nuclear power plants in the United States by 2030 with an ultimate goal of 100 new power plants.

Students can attend Augie Green meetings Thursdays at 8 p.m., in the Siverson Lounge.



Photo submitted by Jamie Horter

Two children work on a project during Community Service Day (CSD) on Sept. 27. Augie Green participated in CSD and helped these children draw signs.

Pandora

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sure to get a station that whets your musical palette, whatever your tastes may be.

Pandora is based on intricate technology that codifies as many as 400 attributes of a song, such as composition, bass line and rhythm, and then catalogs that music and musician so people can find the "musical neighbors" of any song, whether it's Latin, jazz, country, rock or gospel.

As each song is played, you can give the tune a "thumbs up" or "thumbs down" to tailor future selections or request a new song or artist to add diversity to the station. You can also find in-depth information on the artist and several reasons as to why a particular song was chosen.

If you find a radio station you particularly enjoy and want to save it for later, simply register with the Web site at no cost. Once registered, you can further customize all your individual radio stations.

Pandora came about in January 2000 when founder Westgren began work on "The Music Genome Project." Set out to create the most comprehensive analysis of music ever, Westgren and his team

of musicians analyzed musical attributes, including everything from melody, harmony and rhythm, to instrumentation, orchestration, arrangement, lyrics and the rich world of singing and vocal harmony.

They focused not on what a band looks like, or what genre they supposedly belong to, or about who buys their records - it's about what each individual song sounds like.

iTunes has caught on to this innovative technology and teamed up with Pandora to bring their users "Genius." Using essentially the same process, iTunes users enter in a favorite song, and iTunes creates a custom playlist based off similar songs in their library. "Genius" will also suggest similar artists and songs from the iTunes online music store.

Both of these pioneering technologies are taking the world of music by storm, getting publicity for well-known and obscure artists alike, all at no cost or labor to users.

Whether you're looking for new music or want a fresh mix of music you already own, log on to Pandora.com for an ultimate, customized music experience.

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Now News. It was created last year in an effort to stay up-to-date with the news happenings on campus. Half of the show is dedicated to Augustana-related news, including sports, campus stories and interviews with campus faculty. President Rob Oliver was one of the people interviewed on the *Hear and Now News* last year.

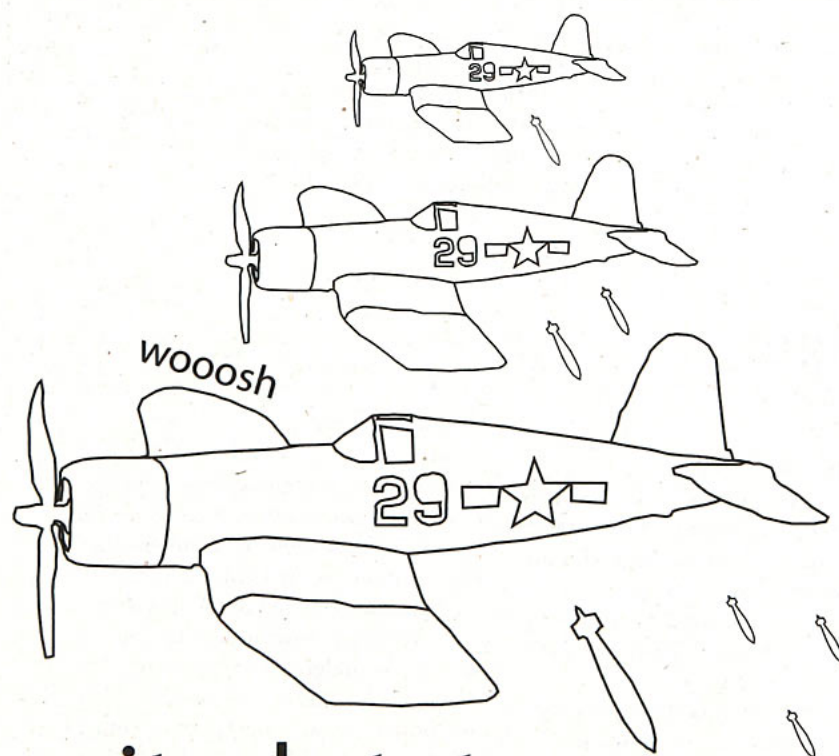
Besides the *Hear and Now News*, there are numerous other shows that reach out to the student body and surrounding community. Michael Scott's heavy metal show "Anthems of Rebellion" has a strong following in the South Dakota State Penitentiary. There also is "La Silla Caliente," a completely Spanish show. And to add in even

more variety, there is the reggae music show called "Dreadhead Fred" and a pop and rap show, "Block Party."

"I think one of the best things about KAUR is the diversity in music," junior Marie Halvorson said. "Every night there is something new and different to listen to."

The new Augustana Web site has also been helpful in promoting KAUR. Before the Web site change, KAUR wasn't linked to the college's site, but now it can be found at <http://kaur.augie.edu/index.html>.

Students will not only find show listings and KAUR schedules on the Web site, but they can also read new album reviews and news about upcoming releases.



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